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EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTE: There will probably be no bulletin next week, because I will be at the Dayton Hamvention. I usually write the bulletin during the weekend so the information is current. But you never know! So PLEASE keep the information coming..... de Tedd KB8NW

3Y, PETER I ISLAND. This much needed island was ranked number one as the most wanted country in the "OPDX/NODXA 1992 DX Survey" which was taken between December/1992 thru March/1993. It was announced that an international team of ten operators are planning a 16 day operation. The slated starting date is February 1, 1994. The 10 operators will operate with 4 complete stations and be active on all bands, CW, SSB and RTTY. The contracts for ship transportation have been signed, deposits have been paid, operating license and landing permit are in hand. Ralph, KOIR, and some of the operators from the VP8SSI DXpedition, that took place last year will be the lucky operators to go. Funds are needed for this very expensive DXpeditions. Contributions for this endeavor can be sent to AA6BB. If this operation does not take place, all funds will be returned. QSL routes for SSB will be AA6B, CW/RTTY will go to KA6V.

9ER1TA OPERATION FROM ERITREA. This information is from the League regarding the status of the 9ER1TA operation. Bill, K5FUV, from the ARRL DXCC Desk, has stated that the 9ER1TA license was issued by the Eritrean provisional government. If it turns out that Eritrea is re-instated as a DXCC country and the license is retroactive, QSOs will count as QSOs with Eritrea. If Eritrea is NOT re-instated, the QSOs will not count for Ethiopia because the license was not issued by the correct authority (the Ethiopian government).

C2, NAURU. Atsu, C21/VK2BEX, has been reported operating RTTY and CW on 20 meters sometime between 0530 and 1430z. His other activities included SSB operations on 80 and 40 meters between 0930 to 1030z. QSL via his Call Book Address (CBA).

P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Bernard, DL2GAC, who is now active as P29VMS, has plans to operate from Witu Island around April 22 thru 27. This island has not been assigned an IOTA number as of yet. Bernard may also visit some other islands such as Puka and Rabaul. QSL via DL2GAC.

P5RS7 STATUS. Ed. NT2X, reports that Romeo has been asked by the DXCC

Desk to furnish additional documentation for the P5RS7 operation. This additional paperwork can only be obtained from North Korea. However, due to the U.S. and South Korean maneuvers (called "Team Spirit"), North Korea has expelled all foreign diplomats and has placed its military in a state of alert. The additional paperwork will have to wait until things settle down.

PREFIX CHANGES. As of March 1, 1993, Kazakhstan has begun assigning the call signs "UN" series in several oblasts (ex. UL7 to UN7, RL7 to UN9, UL8 to UN8). It was reported that all the "UL" series will be replaced throughout the year and that the "UL" prefix will be going to Uzbekistan. Kazakhstan has been assigned the following prefixes: UN, UQ and UP.

QRZ DX reports that Bosnia-Herzegovina will begin using call signs with a "T9" prefix, starting April 20.

ST0, SOUTHERN SUDAN. John, PA3CXC, is now active as PA3CXC/ST0. Most of his activity has been on CW, operating on 17, 20, 30 and 40 meters between 2100 and 0330z. His length of stay is unknown and John also reported that there is an indication, with the deteriorating situation in the Southern Sudan, separate independent republics may be established within their controlled area.

T5, SOMALI. Peter, DL8YR, will be active from here for 4 weeks starting April 21st. His call sign will be T5YR, and most of his activity will be on CW.

VK6, NOOK ISLAND (IOTA not assigned yet). VK6UE, VK6BFI and VK6VZ will try to activate this island (in the Houtman Abrolhos Island group) for a 4 to 5 day operation between April 4 and May 2. Activity on CW will be 5 kHz up from band edge and on SSB: 3795, 7075, 14195, 21295 and 28495 kHz. QSL via VK6ANC direct only to: Box 244, North Beach, WA 6061, Australia.

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Mike, VP8COD, has been active on 14256 and 14174 kHz between 2300 and 0000z. He has also been heard on 21260 and 21255 kHz between 2100 and 2230z.

ZS9, WALVIS BAY. There has been some activity from here on the past three Tuesdays by ZS9A. Check 21335 kHz around 1345z. QSL via ZS1IS.

DXCC NEWS. Exciting news hit the air waves April 13 when the ARRL Awards Committee announced that Macedonia (former Yugoslav republic), the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic were added to DXCC Countries List and that Czechoslovakia was deleted from the list. Details can be found in ARRL DX Bulletin 18 (ARLD018), but in summary: Contacts for Macedonia (4N5, YU5) that were made 8 September 1991 and after are good for DXCC credit. The effective date for the Czech Republic (OK, OL) and the Slovak Republic (OM) is 1 January 1993, anything before that date will count for the deleted country of Czechoslovakia. The DXCC Desk will accept QSL cards for these three new countries starting 1 June 1993. QSL cards received at the DXCC Desk before 1 June 1993 will be returned without action.

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